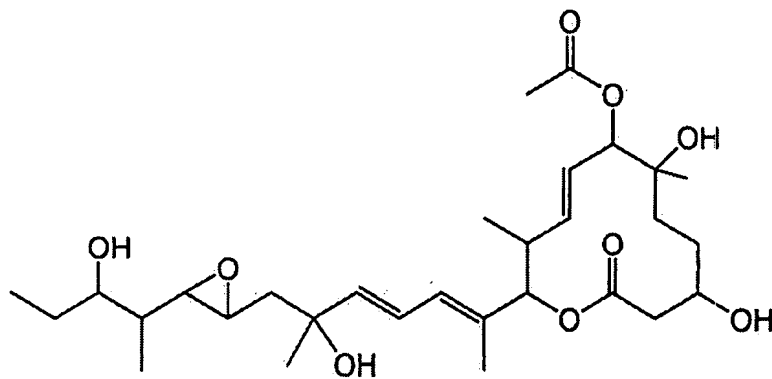


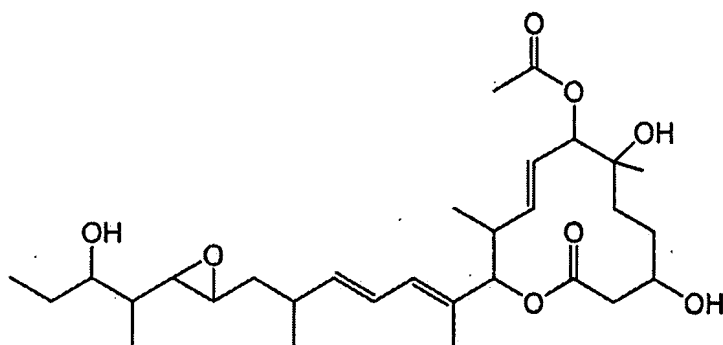
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II):



(II)

wherein the macrolide compound 11107D is produced from the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the formula (I):



(I)

by a biological transformation method, which comprises the following processes (A) ~~and (B)~~ to (C):

(A) a process of mixing ~~incubating~~ the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the formula (I) ~~in the presence of~~ with a strain having an ability of conducting the above-mentioned biological transformation method and belonging to the genus Mortierella, the genus Streptomyces or the family Micromonosporaceae or a preparation of its cultured mycelia;

(B) a process of incubating the mixture obtained in the step (A); and

(C) a process of collecting the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II) from the incubated solution obtained in the step (B).

and

~~(B) a process of collecting the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the formula (II) from the incubated solution obtained in the step (A).~~

2. (Original) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the genus Mortierella is Mortierella sp. F-1529 strain (FERM BP-8547) or F-1530 strain (FERM BP-8548).

3. (Original) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the genus Streptomyces is Streptomyces sp. AB-1704 strain (FERM BP-8551), A-1544 strain (FERM BP-8446) or A-1545 strain (FERM BP-8447).

4. (Original) The production method according to claim 1, wherein the strain belonging to the family Micromonosporaceae is AB-1896 strain (FERM BP-8550).

5. (Original) *Streptomyces* sp. AB-1704 strain (FERM BP-8551) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).

6. (Original) *Mortierella* sp. F-1529 strain (FERM BP-8547) or F-1530 strain (FERM BP-8548) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).

7. (Original) AB-1896 strain (FERM BP-8550) having the ability of transforming the macrolide compound 11107B represented by the above formula (I) into the macrolide compound 11107D represented by the above formula (II).